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FINLEY MARSHALL IS UNDER ARREST

Is Caught Sunday Morning Trying To Steal Merchandise From Phillips' Ladies Shop.

The Circuit Court Tuesday revoked the parole of Finley Marshall who was sentenced to the penitentiary August 19, 1919, was paroled on the 26th, and who was arrested Sunday morning when caught stealing goods from Phillips' Ladies Shop.

His commitment was issued Tuesday by the clerk of the court and was delivered over to the sheriff who took him to Jefferson City Wednesday.

Finley Marshall was arrested Sunday morning about 4 o'clock for attempting to steal three suitcases full of merchandise from Phillips' Ladies Shop. He broke into the store about 2 o'clock and was leaving with the stolen goods from the rear of the building when he was discovered by W. A. Sullivan, a night watchman, who was making his regular round through the alley which runs behind Phillips' store. Sullivan signaled to C. W. Flittner, who was at the corner of Washington and Jackson streets, and the two went to where Sullivan had seen Marshall leaving the store. When the latter heard them coming however he went back inside and by the time Sheriff J. G. Ford had been summoned he had hidden himself in the store.

It was necessary to have the Power Company turn on the electric lights, before a thorough search could be made for Marshall. After about an hour's time he was found hanging by his hands to the iron rod on which ladies' dresses were displayed. He had succeeded for sometime in hiding himself among the garments on the rack. Sullivan had thought there were two men in the store because he said he heard voices; but when found Marshall said there had been no one with him.

When questioned he told that he had come to Mexico on number 5 from St. Louis. He had gone there to buy paint and had decided he would come home from there for a visit, before returning to DeSoto, where he is now living. He had gone about two blocks past Phillips' store when he conceived the idea of breaking in, and went back to do it. The things he had in the suitcases were valued by Mr. Phillips at about \$900, or perhaps more. Among them were coats, dresses and miscellaneous articles of ladies' apparel.

Marshall was sentenced to the penitentiary August 19, 1918 for a term of five years on charge of stealing \$50 worth of automobile tires from the C. & A. Railroad. Aug. 26 before he was sent to prison, he was granted a 5 year parole upon petition of about a hundred and fifty of the most prominent business and professional men in Mexico, because of the fact that it was his first offense.

Last spring Judge Ganitt permitted Marshall to move to DeSoto where he has been living since. He is 27 years old, and has a wife and small son, who were with him in DeSoto.

WOULD MEAN HIGHER TAXES.

McAdoo Also Denounces False Reports About Wilson's Illness in Speech.

FORT WORTH, Texas, Nov. 7.—Defeat of the league of nations means 50 per cent increase in taxes in the United States, according to William G. McAdoo, former Secretary of the Treasury and Director-General of the Railroads, addressing a Fort Worth organization of advertising men.

McAdoo vigorously denounced the persons who had circulated the rumor in regard to the condition of President Wilson, which, he said, has been credited to American Senators.

"The President ill has more brains than ten carloads of such men," he declared.

KILLS A PROHIBITION BUGABOO

Chicago Hotel Cafe Had More Business in October Than June.

CHICAGO, Nov. 7.—A Chicago hotel owner announced recently that the October receipts for a cafe and a grill room were \$102,000, as compared to \$147,000 for June, the last month before war time prohibition went into effect. He said he believed the prohibition bugaboo had been overplayed.

F. C. Stokes, of Auxvasse, was in Mexico Tuesday.

CONFERENCE OF BOYS AND GIRLS A SUCCESS

State Workers Consider Meeting Here As One of the Best Held This Year

The first Older Boys' and Girls' Conference to be held in Audrain County, which brought together in Mexico more than a hundred young people between the ages of 16 and 22 in the discussion of some of the most important Sunday School problems, closed Sunday afternoon. State workers who were present considered the conference one of the most successful they had attended.

Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock devotional services for the girls were held in the Methodist church, and an address was made by Miss Nell E. Masters on "The Victory." The boys' service was held in the Presbyterian church, and Sterling L. Williams spoke on "Can You Deliver the Goods?" A Mass Meeting, the last of the Conference, was held in the Baptist church at 3:45, and at this time the following program for the coming year's work was outlined.

November—Start of Class Organization.

December—White Christmas.

January—Completion of class organization in the Sunday Schools of the county.

February—Fathers and Sons Week.

March and April—Promotion of Teachers Training Classes, and Easter Celebrations.

May—Mothers and Daughters Week.

June and July—Completion of Unfinished Work.

August—County-wide picnic.

September—Pocket Testament League Campaign.

October and November—Annual Conference.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: Girls' Council: President, Anna Dee Fish; vice-president, Maria Middleton; secretary, Vera Wells; treasurer, Kathryn Sannbeck. Boys' Council: President, Gale Johnston; vice-president, Marlin Butts; secretary and treasurer, Emil Gooch.

District officers elected were: North Linn Township, president, William Pardon; vice-president, Irene Rogers; secretary, John Morris; treasurer, Holly Beckley; South Linn, president, Frankie Northcutt; vice-president, Martillus Barnes; secretary, Helen Mildred; treasurer, Dewey Hildebrand; Cuirre, president, Paul Laird; vice-president, Verdie Wildy; secretary, Malcolm Wilson; treasurer, Lena Branstetter; Salt River, president, Ellen Stephens; vice-president, Charles Machin; secretary, Dorothy Sannbeck; treasurer, Ralph Daly; Wilson, president, James Surber; vice-president, Sadie Allison; secretary, Eugenia Scovy; treasurer, Glen Squires.

Following is a list of the delegates and visitors from churches other than those in Mexico: Mary Barnes, Liberty; Holly Beckley, Littleby; Eula Beckley, Littleby; Nita Surler, Littleby; Nancy Laird, Vandalia; Opal Stout, Vandalia; Mildred Van Duzer, Vandalia; Mrs. Hester Elledge, Vandalia; Manilla Middleton, Vandalia; Frankie Northcutt, Benton City; Geneva Moss, Vandalia; Winifred Dent, Vandalia; Rhea Smith, Vandalia; Lorene Akridge, Laddonia; Marjorie McGhee, Laddonia; Fern Braden, Laddonia; Mrs. J. W. Quintance, Laddonia; Geneva McCune, Vandalia; Mary Bots, Bethel; Verdie Weldy, Vandalia; Mary Bell Stacy, Vandalia; Leva Branstetter, Vandalia; Mrs. G. P. Gatewood, Vandalia; Mrs. J. Lee Miller, Centralia; Edith McCowan, Thompson; Sadie Allison, Thompson; Loto Nevins, Thompson; Lillie McCowan, Thompson; Maxine Martin, Littleby; Iva Creed, Molino; Nora Helwig, Molino; Nell E. Masters, Independence; Dora Davis, Benton City; Carrie Lederman, Vandalia; Mrs. S. E. Stratton, Benton City; Irene Rogers, Littleby; Julia Pierce, Littleby; Mrs. P. F. Dean, Bethel; Nellie Booth, Bethel; Virginia Botta, Bethel; Mary E. Stowers, Liberty; Darline Williams, Vandalia; Iona Beedle, Vandalia; James Surter, Liberty; Wakefield Stowers, Liberty; Walter Boyer, Littleby; Delmar Northcutt, Benton City; Harold Bruton, Laddonia; Ralph Derrick, Laddonia; Francis Diggs, Laddonia; Lynn Tight, Vandalia; George Forney, Vandalia; Curtis McCoy, Vandalia; James E. Dye, Vandalia; Martin Buth, Vandalia; Glenn Squires, Centralia; Hobart Allison, Thompson; Arthur Worley, Molino; Cecil

MEXICO CELEBRATES ARMISTICE DAY

All Schools of City March in Parade—Form at McMillan High School at 2 o'clock

Whistles blew and bells rang in Mexico at 11 o'clock November 11, 1919; but the noise was nothing compared to that made on the eleventh of November 1918. The feeling of celebration was prevalent in the city, however, all day Tuesday, and a manifestation of it was made in the afternoon.

Schools were dismissed for half a day and the students, together with all of the citizens of the town who wished to participate, marched or rode in a parade which formed at McMillan High School at 2 o'clock.

The line of march was as follows: Missouri Military Academy, with band, McMillan High School, and grade schools, followed by townspeople in automobiles. The parade marched from McMillan high school and back to the east side of the around the square, up E. Monroe street court house where the crowd gathered to hear the speaking.

W. W. Fry, Jr., was chairman of the exercises. The Rev. C. R. Nisbet offered the invocation.

The Rev. W. C. Cowart, who was a chaplain in the Army and saw service overseas, made an address on the Court House lawn at 2:30.

The bronze tablet bearing the names of the twenty-seven boys from Audrain County who gave their lives in the Great War, and which is to be laid in memory of them, was dedicated and unveiled during the exercises of the afternoon. The dedicatory tablet was made by L. M. White. This tablet was bought by the county court and the state, and was procured through E. A. Dearing. The women of the federated clubs started the movement for it.

Following are the names which appear on the tablet:

Audrain's Honored Dead in the Great War For Humanity's Sake

James Willis Bledsoe
Rollie V. Dutt
Monte Nelson Brooks
Charles Divers Crane
Edward Henry Blase
Fred Allen
George Lewis Hollingsworth
Merrill Peters
Warren Harper Callaway
A. Ross Hubbell
James Jones
Frank Vernon Lease
Forrest Musgrove
Guy Webb Shaw
Henry W. Johnson, (Col.)
Walter Fite
Robert Bartels
Harrison Bartels
George Irion
Albert Russell Crensey
Lawrence Ford
Louis Leeper
Clarence E. Schooling
William Matthews
Arden Kisor
Robert Louis Cauthorn
Harry Laird

Williams, Vandalia; Marcellus Dean, Bethel; Olzan Dean, Bethel; Rudolph Green, Littleby; Clayborne Griffin, Hopewell; Leroy Snook, Littleby; Richard Branstetter, Vandalia; Arthur Lee Turner, Vandalia; Malcolm Wilson, Vandalia; Paul A. Laird, Vandalia; Martillus Barnes, Benton City; Ralph Day, Sun Rise; Alvin Denner, Molino; W. H. Logan, Laddonia; John Quintance, Laddonia; Theodore Barnes, Sun Rise; W. Milo Thatcher, Fulton.

OFFERED \$2,500 FOR BAT.

"Babe" Ruth Says He is Being "Pestered" by Souvenir Hunters.

BOSTON, Nov. 6.—Babe Ruth, giant slugger of the Boston Red Sox and holder of the world's record for home runs in a single season, is not threatening to quit baseball a la "Tillie" Schaffer—via the perfumed note route—but he is planning to get a private secretary to look after his correspondence. Ruth is being "pestered to death," to use his own expression, by souvenir hunters who are anxious to purchase the bat with which he broke the circuit drive record this season. One fan in Baltimore has offered Ruth \$2,500 for the bat with which he set a new mark, but the Boston star has not decided to sell.

Miss Emma Sutton, of Farber, was in Mexico Tuesday and Wednesday.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL PLAN MAY DROP UNIVERSAL GETS TWO THIRDS VOTE

Voting is Light in all Wards—344 Out of Possible 1500 Are Cast

A total of 344 votes, 275 for and 69 against, were polled in the sewage disposal election Monday, according to the report made to the City Council in regular session Monday night. This gives the necessary two-thirds majority to pass the proposition.

The vote was unusually light, there being in the four city wards a possible vote of 1500. The wards voted as follows: First ward, 100 for, 18 against; second ward, 38 for, 15 against; third ward, 79 for, 22 against; third ward, 58 for, 14 against.

The council passed a resolution to express its thanks to the citizens of Mexico for the support which has been given the mayor and council in bonding the city for \$25,000 to build a sewage disposal plant.

COAL STRIKE HAS BEEN DECLARED OFF

Ledger Special.—

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 11.—The Coal Strike was declared off today by Union officials.

Secretary of Labor Wilson has sent telegrams to the Mine officials and operators asking them to meet November the Fourteenth for the purpose of adjusting their differences.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 11.—

Upon the coalminers returning to work the government will release 50,000,000 tons of soft coal.

FINDS \$50,850 IN CHICAGO DEPOT

Jack Allison, of Laddonia, came here Tuesday night from Chicago, where on Monday he found, in the Union Depot there, five certified checks and bank drafts to the amount of \$50,850.

He notified John A. Peterson, of Chicago, to whom the checks were made, of having found the purse which contained them and the latter telegraphed him here Tuesday night that he would be here in a short time to claim them. Mr. Allison will remain in Mexico until he comes.

When he got to Mexico, Mr. Allison took the checks to a bank and asked if he could cash them, and was told that identification had been made so that he could, without any difficulty. He did not do so, however.

FIRE DESTROYS STORE HOUSE.

Fire completely destroyed a small store room just in the rear of the home of Mrs. S. F. Crigler on East Anderson street Tuesday night about 10:30. The building was filled with furniture, bed clothes and silverware which Mrs. Crigler had stored when she rented a part of the house; she is not able to put an estimate on her loss, but says that the insurance she carries will not cover it; and that many things can never be replaced.

Mrs. Crigler was having her house painted and the painter had several buckets of paint and oil in the store house. These were also destroyed.

The cause of the fire is unknown. The blaze was not discovered until the store house was too much burned to save. The fire department was slow in arriving, due to some difficulty in getting the alarm in; but put the fire out quickly when it did come. Neighbors of Mrs. Crigler formed a bucket brigade, and prevented the fire spreading to the dwelling house.

RECEIVES HIS MAJORITY.

Dr. Chas. L. Blanks, of this city, who was a Captain in the Medical service of the government during the war, has just received notification of his having received the commission in the U. S. Medical Reserves.

To receive this majority it was necessary for him to have been recommended for advancement before the armistice was signed and for this to have been filed in Washington before that date. Dr. Blanks' many friends will be glad to hear of this having received this honor.

T. S. Reilly, of the Worrell Jewelry Store, is having a week's vacation, the first he has had for three years.

MAY DROP UNIVERSAL MILITARY TRAINING

New Army Bill Being Considered at Washington May Drop the Draft Plan.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 10.—It was disclosed here today that a majority of the members of the House committee on military affairs are preparing an Army Reorganization Bill which ignores the principle of universal military training and which would substitute for it a reserve army made up of men who had experience in the late war, to the extent of about 1 million men.

The plan embodies the following outstanding features:

A regular army of 289,000 officers and enlisted men.

A reserve army made up from men honorably discharged who saw service or had training in the war with Germany, and the National Guards of the several states.

A larger officers' reserve corps.

Consolidated and independent military and commercial air service.

Separate and individual tank and chemical warfare branches.

Consolidated transportation service, department.

Promotion in the regular army from a single list and by selection.

Line officers as chiefs of the various arms of the service.

A general staff college through which officers must pass before detail to the general staff.

GANT ITEMS.

The fall plowing is getting behind. —Eula Woolery and brother, Reed, were over at Thompson Sunday visiting their sister, Cassie Myers. —Lawrence McCarty was in Centralia after sack feed for his cattle Saturday. He has a dandy bunch of White-face cattle he is feeding. He says he knows how to feed cattle and hogs. —Grover Sims lost one of his fine mules he was feeding that he bought of Considine and Sims. —P. F. Denham and family were Sunday guests of Jeff Jerman and family Sunday. —Annie Maud Duffy has the whooping cough real bad; can't rest at nights. —The carpenters have put in the new doors and some of the new windows at Salt River church. It will look real nice when it is finished. Hope to have it completed before long. —Joe Berry and Grover Sims motored to Mexico Saturday, although the roads were bad. —Buck Beatty is resting so much better since they took him back to the hospital. —Joe Smith was in Mexico Saturday and went to see his brother, Will, who is getting along nicely now. He can turn himself in bed and sit up some. He has a trained nurse from St. Louis to nurse him. —Mrs. Geo. Woolery and wife spent Sunday with Field Cleeton and wife. Perhaps the last visit with them on the old home place as they are packed up ready to move to Mexico to reside. —The party at Vessa McCowens last Thursday night was very well attended considering the rainy night. —These rainy times are making the bridge and culverts dangerous to cross; they are washing out so bad. Salt River was out of its banks last Thursday. —Tom Broadbudd and family are soon to move to Texas to live. Mrs. Robinson is going with them to spend the winter with her daughter, Maggie Broadbudd. Sorry to lose these good people from our midst. Our loss is Texas' gain. But perhaps they won't stay long. But if they do stay we wish them success.

LADDONIA ITEMS.

T. B. Hammett, who has been in the blacksmithing business here 20 years, has sold his property and will move to Hannibal.

Emmett Hayercraft of Mexico and Miss Lolita Alexander, youngest daughter of Judge J. J. Alexander of this city, were married.

Joseph Youngblood, a young farmer of near this place, was bitten on the hand by a dog. He bandaged the wound and then Saturday he used turpentine. When he lighted a match to see how to get up a dark stairway the turpentine was ignited and his hand was badly burned.

Harry Leet, agent for the C. & A. Railway at Farber and William Ehrlich were given the Master Mason degree.

Mrs. Anna Vanvactor received a message that her father, James Morrow, aged 89 years old, was dead.

A boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carlson.

Dr. J. C. Parrish, of Vandalia, was in this city on business Wednesday.

JAPS RECRUIT FOR THE KOLCHACK ARMY

Dave Kidd, Just Returned From the A. E. F. in Siberia, Tells of War Conditions There

According to Dave Kidd, of this city, who has just received his discharge from the A. E. F. in Siberia, conditions in that section of the world are far from delightful. He says the Japanese troops are doing most of the fighting and the American forces are merely protecting their lives against the attacks of the Bolsheviks.

Because the Bolsheviks mutilate every Japanese soldier captured and return him with his eyes out, ears cut off or otherwise tortured the Japanese do not hesitate to kill them. The Japanese execute captured Bolsheviks by making them dig their grave, tie their hands behind them, and by making them kneel go an officer can cut their heads off with his saber.

Kidd says the Bolsheviks are not organized but are fighting guerilla warfare. That when they attack a train of American troops and are pursued they return to their fields and are found at work plowing, etc., and claim they have not been guilty of bearing arms.

Kolchacks army is recruited by the Japanese, according to Kidd. The Japanese troops go out and bring in all the large Russian boys they can find and these are placed in the army of the Russians fighting the Reds.

Kidd has been stationed about 1000 miles in the interior of Siberia. With the mercury registering 40 below zero there is no fighting in winter and the summer finds the country overrun with flies and mosquitoes. He says there is no pleasant season of the year there.

Kidd is glad to be home and says there is no dirtier or filthier place in the world than Vladivostok. The ignorance of the people is pitiable. He was 14 months in Siberia.

MISS FRANCES CLARKE WEDS.

Marries Edwards F. Moore, A Farmer of Near Mexico.

Miss Frances Emmaline Clarke and Edwards Francis Moore, both of Mexico, were married Wednesday morning at the home of the bride's parents. Only members of the family and a few friends of the young couple were present at the wedding. The ceremony was read by the Rev. J. D. Greer, of the Christian Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Clarke. Mr. Moore is a farmer who lives about five miles from Mexico. He was reared in Mexico, and made his home with his step-mother, Mrs. Molly Moore, when in town.

Mr. and Mrs. Moore went to Holland to spend a short honeymoon. They will return and make their home on Mr. Moore's farm. The Ledger extends best wishes to them.

NORTHEAST BENTON.

Mrs. Will Goodson, Mrs. Mamie Leirheimer and Ernest Neiman went to St. Louis county Saturday to attend the funeral of their aunt, Mrs. Clara Geist. — A box and pie supper was held at the Stauffer school house Friday night which was much enjoyed by the young folks. — Rev. John Abbot of Kansas City will begin special meetings at the Presbyterian church November 30th. — Mrs. E. W. Rockwell went to Montgomery City Monday to attend the Golden Wedding celebration of Rev. Frank Mitchell and wife. Mrs. Rockwell took a gift of money from the congregation at Benton City. — Dora Davis, Frankie and Delmar Northcutt attended the Sunday School Young People's Conference in Mexico the last of the week. — The continued wet weather is a great hindrance to the farmers in doing their fall work. It is impossible to haul a load of corn from the fields and shredding hasn't even begun. The roads are very bad in places so one cannot use autos much.

Mrs. Turner Williams and little daughter, Mary Katherine, will return Wednesday from Columbia where they have been visiting Mrs. Williams' mother and family.

HER step may be music and her voice may be song but her eyes can be the devotion in the whole symphony of your devotion.

Miss Laverta Gooch, of Vandalia, was in Mexico Wednesday.

CANTEEN SERVICE FORMALLY CLOSED

Mrs. M. R. Wise Tells of Work Done by Committee in 15 Months of Activity

After fifteen months of faithful service the Canteen Committee of the Mexico Branch of the Red Cross was formally closed Tuesday night, the anniversary of the signing of the Armistice. The exercises were held in the new Community Hall over the First National Bank, and at the same time the ex-service men in Mexico were given an entertainment.

About seventy-five men who had seen service in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps were present, most of them wearing their uniforms. The members of the Canteen Committee were also in uniform.

Mrs. M. R. Wise, who has untiringly served as chairman of the committee, made a talk on "Our Canteen," summing up, very briefly, the work of the women who have given their services to this phase of war activities. More than \$2,000 have been spent in feeding soldiers who have passed through Mexico on troop trains, and between fifty-five and sixty thousand boys have been served with doughnuts, cookies, apples oranges, magazines and stamped post cards.

For five months according to Mrs. Wise, the Mexico Canteen met every troop train that went through this city during the day. The first of the year the Wabash trains were given to Moberly, and since then only troops on the C. & A. have been served here. Service has been rendered and cheer given to boys from many countries and in many conditions; even Czechoslovakians from Russia, and tubercular boys on their way west, insane ones on their way to Fulton—all these and more have received administrations from the Red Cross Canteen here.

Mrs. Wise closed her talk by expressing her thanks to the Railroad men who helped at all times, to the press for publicity given and to W. W. Pollock, Mrs. A. P. Green, Ben Graham, J. H. Sallee and A. T. Anerson for special services rendered. She made a strong appeal to the boys in Mexico to join the American Legion.

Following Mrs. Wise's talk John F. Barclay and Dr. R. S. Williams spoke briefly on the good work of the Red Cross Canteen service in France, and of the cheer it brought to them when they were there.

Mrs. J. E. Durkee presented certificates, issued by Chas. P. Pettus, canteen director of the southwestern division of the Red Cross, for faithful service in the canteen, to thirty-one women.

Mrs. Durkee also read a letter which was sent to Mrs. Wise by Mr. Pettus, special delivery, complimenting her highly for the work she has done for the boys who have passed through Mexico. The letter was warmly enthusiastic over the success of the Canteen in Mexico and much credit was given to Mrs. Wise. Mr. Pettus closed by saying "Our Hats Are Off to You."

Dr. J. F. Jolley, commander of the local post of the American Legion, spoke a few words to the boys who were present in behalf of the Legion; and expressed thanks to the Canteen Service for what it had done for men in service.

Mrs. C. C. Hammond acted as chairman of the meeting, in the absence of Mrs. J. T. Johnson, chairman of the Mexico Branch of the Red Cross. Christian College orchestra furnished music. Ray Miller led the community sing. Rev. C. W. Cowart offered the invocation and Rev. Richard Gentry pronounced the benediction.

When the program was completed an oyster supper was served, under the direction of the women of the Baptist church.

COMPLIMENTS MEXICO ON WORK

Alfred Fairbanks, Speaks of This City at Convention in Chillicothe.

Mrs. Frank Van Ness, as representative of the Mexico Federated Clubs, and Mrs. P. E. Coil as representative of the local Red Cross, have just returned from Chillicothe where they attended the Social Service Convention held there.

They report that Alfred Fairbanks, director of the Red Cross in the Southwestern Division, in a talk made at the convention, complimented Mexico on the work done and the enthusiasm maintained in all Red Cross work during the war.